

PRESIDENT : The honourable member is sufficiently experienced and the present question relates to food grains. Information is asked as to the quantity of food grains available, the period for which it will last, their methods to deal with the food shortage and so forth and relevant answers have been given. The honourable member will realise that all the members of the Government have not got the figures ready to answer all the questions put to them. If any honourable member wants to put a question on a specific matter he might do so. He may even write a letter to that effect when a reply will be sent to him.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU : Sir, May I know whether—

PRESIDENT : The honourable members are violating the rules regarding the putting of supplementary questions. I am also relaxing that rule to a certain extent. I have actually found in practice that only three or four members are putting all the supplementary questions thereby denying the chance of others to ask supplementary questions. Hereafter, that practice must cease.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE (Minachil cum Thodupuzha) : Are the Government aware that large areas of forest lands fit for paddy cultivation are still lying uncultivated in connection with the scheme of the Grow More Food Campaign?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : No, Sir.

MR. K. A. MATHEW : May I ask the member what is meant by 'enforcement of austerity measures'?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : Cutting down all extravagance in consumption.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE : May I ask—

PRESIDENT : The member has already put a supplementary question.

MR. V. I. IDICULLA (Pattanamthitta) : കട്ടനാട്ടിൽ പുതുനിലം കൃഷി ചെയ്യുന്നതുകൊണ്ട് ജനങ്ങൾക്കു നഷ്ടമാണെന്നുള്ളതു ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവണ്മെന്റിനറിയാമോ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : നഷ്ടമാണെന്നു തോന്നുന്നില്ല.

Stock of food grains.

159. ***MR. P. S. MOHAMED (Nominated) :** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the quantity of food grains in the possession of Government at present with special reference to paddy imported and paddy purchased, rice and wheat?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR :

Stock of food grains in the State on 14-7-1946.

Import rice	15,700 tons.
Imported paddy in terms of rice	90 do.
Local paddy in terms of rice	940 do.
Wheat and wheat products	9,436 do.

MR. P. S. MOHAMED : ഒരു മാസത്തേയ്ക്കു എത്ര അരി വിതരണം ചെയ്യുവാൻ വേണ്ടിവരുമെന്നു പറയാമോ?

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MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ കണക്കനുസരിച്ച് ൩൦,൦൦൦ ടണ്ണോളം വേണ്ടിവരും.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha cum Devicolum*): May I know for how many days this quantity of rice would suffice?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : For about 3 weeks.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE : May I know how much more quantity is likely to arrive?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : I am glad to say that Government have received intimation to the effect that 9000 tons of rice from Sind will arrive very shortly i. e. in about three days time and one ship "Jayalakshmi" has brought 6000 tons of rice today from Burma.

PRESIDENT : I think it is a matter for gratification that from today practically the scarcity will be definitely on the decrease. From this week there will be regular shipments of rice. That is what the Government of India says in the matter.

Purchase of food grains.

160. *MR. P. O. THOMAS : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount spent by the Government for the purchase of food-grains till the end of 1121 ;

(b) the total amount realised by the sale of food-grains by the Government : and

(c) whether there was an audit of the accounts of the purchase and sale of food-grains by the Government?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : (a) Rs. 26,74,90,782-21-6 to the end of 9/1121 (excluding overhead and other charges.)

(b) Rs. 27,00,29,721-16-2 to the end of 9/1121.

(c) The accounts are being audited.

MR. P. O. THOMAS : May I know when the audit work commenced?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : Some seven months ago.

MR. P. O. THOMAS : I want the particular date when the audit work commenced?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : I have not got the date, Sir.

MR. P. O. THOMAS : May I take it that preparation of the accounts is complete?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : I may say that the audit of the accounts up to the year 1120 is practically complete and the statement will be ready in 3 months' time.

MR. P. O. THOMAS : Then, may I know how was the audit work started before the completion of the accounts?

PRESIDENT : There was the year 1120; there is another year 1121. Audit for the year 1120 could be started during the subsequent year and that is taking place now.